To the Parents and Community of Harlin State School,

Emma, Jessie and Jo Reese—awesome speeches on our student leaders badge ceremony. Well done to you all—I have had many positive comments regarding how well you all spoke. Congratulations and I look forward to our time working together this year. Thank you to all of our parents who attended our leaders badge presentation yesterday morning. Once again our parent help and support was very present and thank you to all who supplied a fabulous morning tea. I am very grateful to my fellow cluster principals—Mrs Beu and Mrs Cornford for your welcome attendance.

School Magazine

We are currently taking Magazine orders for our 2014 magazine—please drop your order into the office.

Principal’s Conference

Next week I will be attending the State Principal Conference in Brisbane.

Cross Country Dates

Please note the date change for our Harlin SS/Linville SS Cross Country is now the 12th March.

Small Schools Cross Country will be on the 24th April.

New Staff at Harlin SS

Some new faces around our school this year are—Mrs Susan Mc Connell who is our Behaviour Support Teacher, and our Pedagogy Coach. Mrs Ashley Dennis who is covering Speech Language Services and Ms Elisabeth Tweed who is our Regional Project Officer. Some fresh faces offering fresh ideas.

Assessments

As we are approaching Week 5 of our term our students are finalising assessment items and finishing off the first unit.

Our ongoing testing does indicate the importance of every student reading every day. Our home readers are sent home for students to access books that highlight high frequency words. Please ensure you are reading with your child each night or listening to them read.

One strategy used to improve comprehension is to ask your child about what they have just read. ‘Tell me what this book was about’ ‘How did the story end? What was a significant event in this story?’—All questions we use to ensure children are understanding what they are reading.

Attendance

I cannot stress the importance of regular attendance at school. Our results are due to students who come to school regularly.

As we reach the middle of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

If we do receive the rain that the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting please be careful on the roads and remember “If it’s flooded, forget it”. For road conditions and closures visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads. You can also telephone: 1300 130 595 for 24-hour state-wide road reports.

Kay Rye

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

* BE SAFE  * BE RESPONSIBLE  * BE RESPECTFUL  * BE RESILIENT

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Junior Classroom News
Well done to our juniors on their wonderful singing at our school leaders ceremony. WE have been practising the National Anthem and our practise has certainly paid off. In history we are looking at the History of Harlin and the history of Harlin State School. If you have any memorabilia that you do not mind sharing please send to school for us to have a look at.
We have enjoyed our Literacy unit on The Very Hungry Caterpillar and I am very impressed with the work our Year 1 and 2 students have been doing. We are in to a great routine at the moment, however I seem to be constantly reminding students to keep their hands and feet to themselves.
In math we have been practising counting patterns and simple adding. Our preps are studying the Letter A this week and are handling their prep routine quite well. Only a few reminders about sitting at our desk and following instructions.
Please start keeping old cereal boxes or tissue boxes (any boxes) to start a box construction and to help us with looking at money with Math.
Kay Rye

Junior Science
Worms, Grasshoppers, Hibiscus flowers, Moths and Butterflies have found their way into the Junior classroom this term.
We have been studying Living and Non-Living things. One afternoon we were ‘Garden Detectives’, searching the school grounds for creatures.
Today it was very exciting to look at specimens using the digital microscope, projected onto the whiteboard for all to see. We were all amazed to discover tiny hairs on the wings of a dragonfly. When we looked at pollen under the microscope, the children thought it looked like tiny seeds.
The Preps and Miss Eb, were busily making mobiles of various insects, including grasshoppers, ladybeetles, dragonflies and butterflies.
Year 1 and Year 2 worked in groups playing a game where they had to sort animals according to specific criteria. They grouped picture cards of animals according to -what they eat, how they move, their body covering, how they move, number of legs, where they live and their size. There was great discussion among the groups as to why they chose to put animals in particular groups.
Susan Hallas
P&C News

P&C News 19th February 2015

Thank you to all who were able to come to our first meeting yesterday. It was great to see so many people. We are going to trial having our meetings at 2pm on Wednesdays, and our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March. If you would like an emailed copy of the minutes, please send an email to ndeer3@eq.edu.au.

Fundraising
Part of the role of the P&C is to raise funds to support the educational opportunities of our students. We would like to plan the fundraising events for 2015 and invite anyone interested in putting in their two cents’ worth to join us. If you are interested in helping to plan for 2015, please contact our Secretary (Ngaio 0407 986 155, ndeer3@eq.edu.au, or drop a note into school). When we know who is interested, we’ll set a time to meet. We would like to do this soon.

Friday Night Raffles
The Harlin P&C are holding Friday Night Raffles at the Harlin Hotel until the end of March. Please consider supporting the raffle by popping in and buying a ticket.

Cross Country
As the Cross Country is being hosted by Harlin this year, we may need some help with the Tuckshop. If you can help, please let Trish Ashton know. (0488 644 990)

Catering Job
We have agreed to cater a Rogaine event to be held at Somerset Dam on Saturday 25th April (dinner) and Sunday 26th April (lunch). This will be the major fundraiser for term 2. We will need donations of home-cooked food and some people to help serve. Please keep the date in mind. More information soon.

Yabby Races
This year, the Yabby Races will be held on Saturday 28th March. Linville SS and Harlin SS provide a BBQ at this event. Linville are organising the BBQ this year, and Harlin need to provide 4 or 5 helpers for the evening. If you are available, please contact Helen Golinski (54235085)

Ngaio
P&C Secretary
School Vice Captain Jessie Morrow; School Captain Emma Little; School Sports Captain Jo-Reese Donald accepting their badges and certificates from Mrs Stacey Beu, Principal Toogoolawah State High School.

School Chaplain, Mrs Kusay, HSS Principal Mrs Kay Rye; TSHS Principal Mrs Stacey Beu; TSS Principal Mrs Barbara Cornford; School Captain Emma Little; School Vice Captain Jessie Morrow; School Sports Captain Jo-Reese Donald
P&C WELCOME BBQ

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS ON FRIDAY'S PARADE
Take a look at our new “Elevated Vegie Garden”. A group of children planted tomatoes, lettuce, capsicum and silver beet. The solar powered pump waters the plant at night and the “soil” is cocopeat ….. No weeds! All this was possible because of our successful submission of a grant late last year. How great is that!

Mrs Kusay
School Chaplain
Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Harlin We are:

Safe
Responsible
Respectful
Resilient

Being respectful – wearing our uniform with pride

- Wear your uniform proudly
- Wear a clean uniform
- Ask mum to fix any problems
- Wear shorts that are an appropriate length
- Brush your hair
- Wear closed in shoes

Next week’s rule of the week:

Being resilient – join in and have a go!

Students receiving GOTCHA’s last week for demonstrating positive school behaviours:

Luke, Dusty, Samuel,
Alex H, Katelyn,
Georgia, Siena
Tupperware for the Tuckshop
Come for a party to check out the new Tupperware range on Wednesday 25th February, 12pm at 13 Cairnscroft Street, Toogoolawah. All proceeds will be donated to get some new equipment for the tuckshop. If you can’t make it, catalogues and order forms can be found at the school office. Reservations and any further enquires please call Jacinta 042 728 1700

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 21st Feb
‘PAPER PLANES’
Doors: 7pm Movie: 7.30 – 9.25 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8  Family: $25
Snack Bar: Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Enquiries: 0438149954